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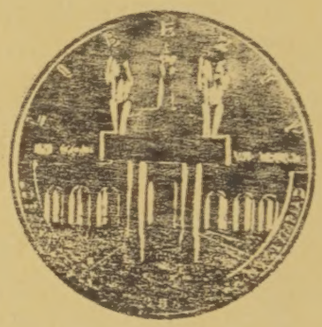

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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: President's Message

Dear Members:

You will probably read about our new Junior Encouragement Program elsewhere in this Issue. We hope that by encouraging local coin clubs to make an effort to attract young people to coin collecting, we will be doing a lot to further the future of numismatics throughout northern California.

But that is just a start. We would like to help coin clubs with their club libraries and to serve as a source for speakers. We want to continue our efforts to spread the work about coin shows organized by coin clubs, especially in this era of competition from commerical shows. We also plan on continuing to make our 'Coin Club List' available to those who are interested. In addition, of course, we want to continue to publish and distribute NCNA Heads and Tales.

We would like to do other things and start other projects. We just do not want to be an organization that merely runs an extremely successful Show and Convention each September and then sits on the profits. However, to these other projects and services, first we have to resolve a problem.

Our problem is in participation from our Club Members at our Board of Directors meetings. NCNA is a far-flung organization, so it is not easy to see why coin clubs in cities such as Eureka and Fresno cannot send a delegate to San Francisco; yet, most other coin clubs could send a delegate or two at least once per year. Instead, it is not uncommon to see only four to six coin clubs represented out of the twenty-one coin clubs that are NCNA Club Members.

What is the result? Those who do attend often take on more than they should have to. For example, Denis Hooker has been our Bourse Chairman for eons now, and last year, he also took on the job of Publicity Chairman for lack of volunteers. Michael S. Turrini single-handedly creates NCNA Heads and Tales, writing, typing, addressing, and mailing each Issue. Edward Sins, our long-time Treasurer, also does our 'Coin Show Schedule'. At the risk of forgetting other people, Lillian Hooker, O.L. Wallis, Stuart Denton, Bill Morgan, and others have been doing more than their fair-share for countless years also.

So why don't you, whether you are a coin club officer or not, give some thought to joining us. It is not demanding: we only meet five times a year, always on Sunday afternoons. As President, I will assure you our Board of Directors meetings will be crisp and efficient, beginning at 1:30pm sharp and finishing up by 4:00pm.

NCNA needs your help to keep doing what NCNA has done so well and to try and actually do new things and projects. Our organization is a fine one, and I am sure that you will consider the effort as time well spent.

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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

This Thirteenth Issue is also NCNA Heads and Tales' Third Anniversary, and as with any anniversary, it is time to celebrate and to reflect.

Your Editor feels, and is aware others may disagree, that NCNA Heads and Tales has 'promoted and served' our hobby, particularly its northern California coin clubs and its NCNA individual members.

There is, in all candor, not much in tangible and measurable benefits; yet, there is, though not as definite and obvious as it might be, the benefit of bringing more of northern California coin clubs and coin hobbyists together by being a means of communication, announcement, and recognition.

Within California, there are three statewide numismatic organizational publications: California State Numismatic Association's Calcoin News, Numismatic Association of Southern California's NASC Quarterly, and Northern California Numismatic Association's NCNA Heads and Tales. Each of these assists and advances our hobby, and it is no denying that as compared to publication numbers, paper and printing, length, reporting, and usefulness NCNA Heads and Tales comes in last when compared to its honored compatriots.

However, NCNA Heads and Tales has an advantage, an edge the older, well-established, and finanically sound Calcoin News and NASC Quarterly lack. NCNA Heads and Tales has a future of, no where but, and no restriction as to becoming better. At three years, as was one and two years, it is only onward, forward, and upward.

What today is is just a start on tomorrow. NCNA Heads and Tales, as the years progress, will have an evolution into a publication equal to, and maybe even better than, its two honored compatriots.

At this Third Anniversary, this is what your Founding Editor so fondly hopes will come true someday, and such will be all together fitting and proper, as NCNA Heads and Tales' motto is: "to promote and to serve northern California numismatics".

In closing, it this duty to our hobby which stills fires your Editor. It is this need 'to promote and to serve' numismatics that today, tomorrow, and days yet to come will always keep NCNA Heads and Tales going . . . This is your Editor's Third Anniversary Pledge.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1984 NCNA Dues

Needless to say, it is that time of year. Individual and Club members should have already received their dues notice. Dues remain at $2.00 per year for Individual Membership and $3.00 per year for Club Membership. Please remit your dues promptly.

May Board of Directors Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the NCNA Board of Directors will be on May 20th, Sunday, at 1:30pm, in the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness, San Francisco.

This is the alternate location due to the Cathedral Hill Hotel rebuilding. The Holiday Inn is just a few blocks north on Van Ness from the Cathedral Hill Hotel.

All NCNA Club Members that have sent regularly and will send a Club Delegate who attends and participates at this Board Meeting are anticipated to receive their club's free numismatic book, the tentative title is a work on silver dollars.

It was the consensus at the February 12th Board of Directors Meeting to continue provisionally NCNA's club numismatic book donation activity the factor being continued interest and response by NCNA Club Members.

Junior Encouragement Program

All NCNA Club Members should have received by now NCNA President George Tyson's letter announcing and reviewing this new NCNA program.

In summary, this program, for a small charge which is only one quarter of the potential value, will furnish with only a few requirements a large and extsensive packet of coins and supplies valuable and useful for young collectors.

As of April 1st, these Clubs have responded and should or have already receive their program packet of coins and supplies:

Diablo Numismatic Society
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Gateway Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club

Coin Clubs interested in this advantageous and generous youth support program are strongly encouraged to contact: "Junior Encouragement Program, NCNA President George Tyson, PO Box 44, Concord, CA, 94522".

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Coin Club List To Be Updated

NCNA is now updating information in its 'Coin Club List' prior to the release of the Eighth Edition.

This List includes the name of the coin club or numismatic organization, its meeting location, meeting date and time, dues amount, and mailing address.

In order that the information contained in the 'Coin Club List' is as accurate and as current as possible, O.L. Wallis, coordinator for this NCNA service, requests that coin clubs send any revisions or additions to: "O.L. Wallis, Coin Club List Editor, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA, 94903".

For copies of this List, direct requests to above adress.

September Show and Convention

Pending actions and appointments to be done at the May 20th Board of Directors Meeting, nothing much can be reported on this year's Show and Convention, except to remind the dates: September 20, 21, 22, and 23, 1984 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel.

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We invite each coin club to send a delegate with full voting rights, and we equally encourage clubs to send additional, non-voting, representatives who might be interested as well.

Yours,

George K. Tyson
NCNA President

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Gateway Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Delta Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Fremont Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
California State Numismatic Association

Gateway Coin Club Has a new mailing address: "PO Box 3101, Merced, CA, 95343". Held a 'Bring A Friend Night' at its March 15th meeting. GCC meets the first and third Thursdays at the Guarantee Savings and Loan, Community Room, 19th and M Streets, Merced.

Liberty Numismatic Society Dedicated and centered its March 6th meeting on Numismatic Books. LARRY REPPETEAU was the featured speaker at this meeting talking on Coin Books. Books from the LNS' Club Library were auctioned off with the proceeds going for new additional library books, and exhibits were limited to numismatic books. The February 7th meeting had WILLIAM SCWARTZ talking on 'Ancient Coins', and at the January 3rd meeting, the 1984 LNS officers were installed: DAVID CIENIEWICZ, President; BILL DAVIS, Vice-President; JOAN CRUMMEY, Secretary, and BILL MORGAN, Treasurer. PETER PECAR donated to junior members attending the February meeting club medals from the defunct Mainliner Coin Club.

Delta Coin Club Had DR. KIRBY W. BROWN at its February 24th meeting present a slide program with a large display on 'Rare Coin Literature'. RUBEN SMITH, III and SYD KASS teamed together at the February 10th meeting to discuss 'Current Events in Numismatics'. DCC's 1984 officers are: RUBEN SMITH, III, President; HOWARD HUGHES, Vice-President; BEA GRIMM, Recording Secretary; SYD KASS, Corresponding Secretary, and LORIS ENZMINGER, Treasurer. DCC announces its 1984 Coin Show dates are October 27th and 28th. The DCC's Annual Monte Carlo Night is scheduled for May 11th with all proceeds going to the Club Library. A good idea.

Diablo Numismatic Society Heard honored DNS member and sailor MIKE STANLEY review the USS Enterprise at its March 15th meeting. The 1984 DNS officers are: SAM RUMPH, President; KARL HEUER, Vice-President; ED NUSSBAUM, Treasurer, and ALANA GARROP, Secretary.

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Along with the regular feature of 'Numi-Stats' by SAM RUMPH, DAVID PARRISH, Junior Member, has begun writing short articles for the DNS' Diablo Die-Break. His current articles are about the coinage and currency of the Falkland Islands.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Announced its 1983 Papers Contest winners: MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Silver Medal, for 'The Heros of Civilization: The Carnegie Medal'; STEPHEN M. HUSTON, Bronze Medal for 'The 1948 San Francisco Striking of the Mexican 1898 Silver Peso', and WILLIAM D. HENRY, Bronze Medal, "Ancient Athens Attica Through the Greco-Persian War'. The 1984 PCNS officers are: OSMYN STOUT, President; DAVID CIENIEWICZ, Vice-President; DON T. THRALL, Treasurer, and FRANK J. STRAZZARINO, Treasurer. Recent PCNS meeting speakers have been: January 25th, LARRY REPPETEAU, 'Cowries and Ant Noses', (Editor's Question: What are Ant Noses?), February 29th, STEPHEN HUSTON, his 1983 Papers Contest entry, and March 28th, PETER BAKOS, 'Yugoslavia: History and Coinage'.

Cupertino Coin Club Needless to say, has been active. January 6th meeting was a Question and Answer Program. February 3rd meeting had your Editor talking and showing slides on his well-known love 'Canadian Commemorative Dollars'. The Exhibit Winners at the recent CCC Coin Show were: BOB KEEGAN, Best of Show; YVONNE VORBERG, First Place Adult; GLAN JACOBS, Second Place Adult; ED SINS, Third Place Adult, MIKE FOX, First Place Junior, JENNIFER LO, Second Place Junior, and SEAN HAVERCROFT, Third Place Junior, plus LOUIS STORINA, People's Choice and ED SINS, Longest Consecutive Streak: Exhibiting at all CCC Coin Shows. Reviewing CCC outstanding Show 'n Tell, meeting exhibits, there were 13 in December, 13 in January, and 12 in February. Again, CCC has the record for the most meeting exhibits among northern California coin clubs.

Peninsula Coin Club Continues its Meeting Themes: January, 'Fractional Cent Coins'; February, 'Mil', and March, 'Hawaiian Items'. Meets in the upstairs meeting room of Eureka Federal Savings, Second and Main, Los Altos, on the third Monday of each month at 7:45pm.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Writes that its 1984 officers are: LEE HENDERSON, President; CAROL FEISE, Vice-President; GARY JOHNSON, Secretary, and HELEN ROBERTS, Treasurer. RECC meets on the second Wednesday evening at Glendale Federal Savings, 290 B Street, Santa Rosa.

San Francisco Coin Club Held a unique program at its February 28th meeting, Charter Night, at which long-time hobby activists and SFCCers, PAUL and CAROL SNEDAKER were honored with a 'This Is Your Life Program' done by MIKE STANLEY. BRIAN KESTNER showed a slide program on the Old San Francisco Mint at the January 24th meeting, and at the March 27th meeting, MICHAEL S. TURRINI spoke on and showed slides of 'Canadian Commemorative Dollars'. Your Editor regrets not reporting more on the SFCC and its highly successful and attended Charter Night, but he had misplaced copies of Two Cents Worth, SFCC newsletter. Sorry.

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Fresno Numismatic Society Had DALE HEWLETT show the ANA slide program, 'Coins With Special Significance' at its February 14th meeting. Your Editor, years ago, obtained this same program for the Vallejo club and recommends it for other coin clubs. MERLE DAVIS talked on Mercry Dimes at the March 13th meeting.

Fremont Coin Club Heard EDGAR D. FULWIDER from the San Francisco Mint at its January 24th meeting. The Raffle at the February 28th meeting was All Lincoln Cent with a 1909S VDB in Fine Plus condition at the First Prize. This coin was won by VINCE LACARIERE, and it was reported such Raffle was so successful that the FCC is considering a All Mercury Dime with the 1916D or All Franklin Half with 1949S. FCC is the first coin club your Editor has knowledge of in a long, very long, time that has a single type coin Raffle. Outstanding. CAL WILSON, FCC's The Double Eagle Editor, has begun with the March issue a newsletter quiz with the first question: What coin is commonly referred to as the Orphan Annie Dime? Here is how it works: "Every issue will contain a question of numismatic interest, and the first person to approach Cal Wilson at the club meeting with the correct answer will win a brand new Red Book". Outstanding.

Fairfield Coin Club Elected its 1984 officers: JOE SIROIS, President; STAN TURRINI, Vice-President; FELICE WELTER, Treasurer, and JAN HENKE, Secretary. GEORGE TYSON, Current NCNA President, installed these officers at the January 28th meeting and also spoke on 'Capped Bust Type Coinage'. BOB BERG and ALEX DENNIS presented a program on model railroading including a full operational N-scale layout at the February 22nd meeting. FCC ended 1983 with a gala dinner party at Pietro's, a Fairfield nightspot, with everyone enjoying good food, games, door prizes, raffles, and free gifts including beer cans, courtesy of the local Anhauser-Busch Brewry, but empty.

San Jose Coin Club Heard LARRY BENSON at its January 18th meeting on 'Variations in the Lincoln Cent', and he returned to the March 21st meeting talk on 'How To Buy Coin By Mail'. February 15th meet-featured a Coin-Comic Quiz by SJCC Vice-President JOHN FRENCH. The 1985 SJCC major and large Coin Show and Educational Forum will be January 11th, 12th, and 13th.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Your Editor's hometown club will hold its 12th Annual Vallejo Coin Show on April 29th, hours 10:30am to 5:00pm, in Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo. This is a full day multi-event: Youth Table, Information Table, bourse dealers, free wooden money, all day Educational Forum, exhibits, half-hour drawings, and raffle. Even the local Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society will place a small display. Both the Western States Token Society and Check Collectors Round Table will meet during this Coin Show. Recent VNS program speakers have been RON KELICHNER, 'Trade Cards', March 4th and GEORGE TYSON, 'Capped Bust Coinage', January 4th. VNS will celebrate its 30th Anniversary, 1954-1984, this year, and a silver

medal, limited to 84 total, is being struck.

California State Numismatic Association Will conduct its 74th Convention and Coin Show at the Hotel Meridien, 50 Third Street, San Francisco, May 4th thru 6th. A full schedule of activities has been lined up for the occassion. These include a full 71 dealer bourse, exhibits, Educational Forum, and social affairs. On May 5th, Saturday, a Junior Forum will begin at 3:00pm and will feature talks on how to start in coin collecting and requirements for the Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge. Each young person who attends will receive a free packet of coins and collecting supplies. The Eduactional Forum on May 4th, Friday at 8:00pm, will have talks on 'Canadian Commemorative Dollars' by MICHAEL S. TURRINI and 'Memorabilia of the Columbian Exposition of 1893' by DONALD R. SCHUELAR. For further information, NCNA Heads and Tales readers are invited to contact: "MIKE STANLEY, General Chairman, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord, CA, 94520".

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Merced Annual Coin and Stamp Show

Just received news release from the Gateway Coin Club announcing the 10th Annual Coin and Stamp Show sponsored by this club and Merced Mall.

This Coin and Stamp Show will on June 9th and 10th, Saturday and Sunday, at Merced Mall, Olive Avenue, between M and R Streets, Merced. Admission is free, and there will be bourse dealers, exhibits, and drawings.

Bourse Chairperson is: "Steve Criscione, Gateway Coin Club, PO Box 3101, Merced, CA, 95344".

NUMIA FACTS: Numismatic Knowledge and History

Carson City Mint, Nevada

The only mint bearing a double letter mintmark (CC), it began production in 1870 to handle gold and silver from the mines of the western states. Silver coins from ten cents through one dollar and gold Half Eagles, Eagles, and double Eagles were minted there. It was closed in 1893 due to low production. It is now a museum and is considered to be one of the ten best regional museums in the United States. Two of the main attractions are the complete sterling silver tea service from the USS Nevada, the battleship, which was salvaged prior to her sinking at Bikini, and a full scale model of a mine.

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